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WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—It is considered certain here tonight that Postmaster General Will H. Hays to-morrow will accept the offer recently made him to become general director of the motion picture industry at a salary of \$150,000.

Mr. Hays's delay in signing the contract with the motion picture producers and distributors is said to have been due to the fact that he did not want to accept until this week to take the motion picture industry. The President, it is said, has been convinced that it is to Mr. Hays's interest to accept the offer, and will not place any obstacle in his way.

Representatives of the motion picture industry are to be here to-morrow for a conference with Mr. Hays, and it is then that he is expected to sign the contract, which will take him out of the cabinet in about a month's time.

There was much speculation to-night as to who would succeed to the office Mr. Hays will vacate. Although several names have been mentioned in the last few days, the gossip now seems to favor Senator Harry S. New, of Indiana.

The Senator is known as one of the closest friends of President Harding. He has been mentioned in the past as a possible successor to the President, and for the indications even at this early date are that the opposition of Mr. Hays to the Senator is not a serious menace to Senator New's reelection. And again, there is no doubt that the President would like to have the Senator New in the cabinet.

The Senator declined to-night to discuss his possible attitude should Mr. Hays leave and the place be offered him. He declared it would be unbecoming to discuss the question at this time.

However, in spite of the hard Senatorial fight ahead of Mr. New and the other circumstances entering into consideration of the name as successor, certain of his friends here are confident that he will take the Cabinet post. They point out that Senator New dislikes the sort of activity required and has for some time been actively refused to "tie himself to a desk."

Significant of the move the Postmaster General is expected to take is the announcement at the Postoffice Department to-night that an important statement will be made to-morrow morning on the motion picture companies' offer.

## Baggage Transfer Rate Hearing Set for Jan. 24

P. S. C. Acts on Complaints of  
Excess Charges for Short  
Hauls in City

The Public Service Commission yesterday ordered a public hearing for January 24 to investigate the rates now being charged by the Western Express Company and the New York Transfer Company for the transportation of baggage. The commission has received many complaints protesting against the rates.

The baggage transfer companies come under the jurisdiction of the commission by reason of their contracts with the various railroad companies. The present rates were put into effect in August, 1920, following the strike of drivers and handlers of baggage. The rates are \$1.25 for a trunk and 50 cents for hand baggage to or from any part of Manhattan below 150th Street, and \$1.40 for a trunk and \$1 for hand baggage for the district between 150th Street and 190th Street and in Brooklyn and in certain parts of Queens. At other parts of greater New York, outside of these districts, the charge is \$1.65 for each trunk and \$1 for hand baggage.

Many of the complainants protest the charge of the \$1.25 rate to and from points near the railroad stations. They contend that the rates should be adjusted to reduce the cost for the short haul service, that is, for the transportation of baggage to and from reasonable distances of the Pennsylvania and Grand Central stations.

## English Women Expect 12 Seats in Parliament

Mrs. Hale Tells of Plans This  
Year; Megantic Arrives After  
Rough Run From Liverpool

The White Star liner Megantic, which will be used soon by a party of West Indian cruise, arrived here yesterday after an unusually rough trip from Liverpool.

Among her forty-four passengers were Mrs. Heston, Mrs. Robertson Hale, the actress, who will resume her lecture tour of this country, speaking on subjects of interest to women. She said that the women of England interested in politics expected to seat at least twelve women in Parliament this year. England, she said, would never have prohibition. The closest the country would ever get to it would be a stricter regulation of houses where liquors are sold, and that would be regulated entirely by local option.

Among those on board were General Angell, the pacifist writer and lecturer; Arthur T. Nowell, an English portrait painter, who made a portrait of King George and who comes here to execute commissions; and General W. F. Sweney, of the British army, who is going to Toronto because of the death of his mother in that city, and nine members of the Pins and Needles company that is to appear in Edith Kelly Gould as the star in that production. The vessel carried 3,124 sacks of mail and \$2,700,000 in gold consigned to Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

## Miller Asks Support for State Purchasing Agency

From a Staff Correspondent  
ALBANY, Jan. 13.—Governor Miller addressed to-day to business men to support his plan for a state purchasing commission. He made his request through fifty secretaries of chambers of commerce in convention here who called upon him this afternoon. He said that the state is going to make it sure to appeal to business men because it aims to cut the red tape now surrounding state buying and place the purchasing power now in the hands of a few men in a few agencies under the jurisdiction of one commission. The Governor told the visitors that he hopes to put purchasing

on a basis where the state will be able to take advantage of the usual trade discounts.

"There is so much red tape now," he said, "that we cannot get vouchers approved and audited in time. This is only one of many of the problems, but I bring it up because it is a business problem of particular interest to business men. In all questions of state government you and your organization cannot be of great assistance, not only in the way of making constructive suggestions if you people will study them, but also in helping to throw a sound public opinion of things that you think are sound, for after all government can succeed only to the extent that it has the support of public opinion."

Among those present were S. C. Mead, of the Merchants' Association of New York; Charles T. Gwynne, of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York; Edward W. Forrest, of the Forty-second Street Property Owners and Merchants' Association; and Robert Grier Cooke, president of the Fifth Avenue Association.

## Three of 63 Plans To Give Bonus to Soldiers Taken Up

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Of the sixty-three plans for giving bonuses to former soldiers that have been submitted to Congress, only three are being considered. One of these would raise the money by utilizing part of the Allied debt to America, especially the British, when it is paid off. The second would raise the money at home by a sales tax, to which President Harding is not opposed. It was said at the White House to-day that the third, being worked out by the Treasury department and has not been communicated in detail to the Senate Finance Committee, which is considering the ways and means of passing bonus legislation.

The President feels that even if the bonus is made available in several different ways, the former soldiers would choose to accept cash. Therefore he holds that cash must be provided when the bonus is granted. He does not believe it is practicable to plan to get the money from interest or principal payments on the foreign debts, because no one knows how soon any of this money will be made available. The Administration does not cherish the delusion that all of the European debts can pay.

The Senate Finance Committee will not act on the bonus bill, probably Monday, to consider the bonus bill, and especially to consider plans for raising money. Although committee leaders have not adopted any definite plan with reference to the bonus bill, it is said to-day that the proposition to link the bonus bill up with the proposed funding bill would not be carried out. The President is not in favor of linking up the two bills, according to Senate leaders. Mr. Cumber, chairman of the Finance Committee, favors treating the two bills separately. The funding bill is passed by the House, with Senate changes, will be sent to Mr. Ford in Detroit or elsewhere for that purpose when it is drafted.

Explaining the action taken by the conference, Secretary Weeks said he was disappointed in that Mr. Ford declined to agree to certain modifications of his plan which were held desirable by one of the conferees. One of these was to be that affecting the reduction of the 100-year lease period. The principal modification agreed to by Mr. Ford was that guaranteeing payment annually of 4 per cent interest on the cost of construction of dams Nos. 2 and 3, regardless of the cost, whereas at first he offered interest only on \$25,000,000.

Secretary Weeks's statement, explaining this agreement, follows: "Mr. Hoover and I have had a long consultation with Mr. Ford about his offer for Muscle Shoals and have brought up for consideration various phases of it. The only modification which Mr. Ford is willing to make is based on our request that there should be a guarantee of the limitation of cost of building dams Nos. 2 and 3, and in that matter, he has offered to pay a per cent interest on the cost of the dams from the time of their completion to the expiration of the contract. That, of course, means on the amount of money which has not been returned to the government through the amortization plan made in the original proposal."

"The offer of Mr. Ford is going to be put in the form of a contract and sent to Congress."

Added Task for Congress  
It was explained that Mr. Ford's refusal to accept the modification proposed for reduction of the 100-year term probably would give Congress an added task in connection with its consideration of the offer. Existing laws regulating the use of properties possessed by the Federal government, it was explained, limit the period of maximum lease to less than a century and Congress probably would have to modify the statutes in the event it decided to accept the Ford proposal.

Mr. Ford, however, was said to have expressed an unwillingness to agree to a shorter time on the ground that the financial investment he would make would involve a greater amount of money than he was prepared to spend under any time period less than one hundred years.

Several members of both the House and Senate made no effort to-night, when informed that the contract would be submitted to them, to disguise their belief that both houses of Congress would be divided on the question when it reached the stage of consideration on the floor.

## Injured Man Crawls For Hours in Tunnel

Creeps to Within 400 Feet of  
Under-Water Exit Before  
He Falls Unconscious

Clifford A. Bliss, twenty-one years old, of 86 Georgia Avenue, Brooklyn, employed as an extra brakeman by the Long Island Railroad, is in New York Hospital with a broken arm and three fractured ribs after several times escaping death in the tunnel.

Bliss was unconscious and lying on his back just clear of the eastbound track when found by a trackwalker at 5:50 a. m. yesterday. He finished his work in the tunnel at 4 p. m. on Thursday and boarded the "deadhead" train bound for Manhattan. While passing through the tunnel a car door opened and Bliss fell on the tracks. Badly injured and dazed, he crawled through the tunnel until he collapsed, unconscious. He is believed to have lain there for more than ten hours.

When found by the trackwalker Bliss was less than 400 feet from the Manhattan end of the tunnel. He had crawled most of the way. It was said that the hospital that he probably would recover.

## Mother Walking From Iowa to Beg Harding

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Margaret Anderson, sixty years old, of Sioux City, Iowa, one of whose sons was killed in France, to-day was traveling afoot to Washington in the hope that President Harding would release the other from the Federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., at her request. Mrs. Anderson, who stopped in Dayton yesterday, said she had left her home two weeks ago. She continued to-day, starting out afoot.

According to Mrs. Anderson's story, the son, Joe Anderson, was gassed in France, and although his mind became affected after his discharge, he re-enlisted later and was assigned to

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## Amundsen, Lightly Clad, Bids His Wards Good By

Eskimo Children Wear Furs,  
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able Without Overcoat

Captain Roald Amundsen, the Arctic explorer, separated from the cold northwest wind by a light suit of English homespun, went to South Brooklyn yesterday to see his young Eskimo wards sail on the Norwegian-American liner Stavangerfjord. While passengers and their friends bunched in the heavy winter clothing shivered in the cold air of the waterfront, Amundsen strolled about the deck of the vessel giving no concern to the weather.

Asked why he did not wear an overcoat, he shrugged his shoulders with the remark, "Why should I? I put on a coat only when the weather is cold. I have found no cold weather here this winter."

Nevertheless, Miss Cakonia Amundsen, five years old, and Camilla Carpendale Amundsen, twelve, his wards from Arctic Circle, were dressed in furs and laden with an abundance of dolls and toys. When the vessel arrives at Christiania they will be met by Amundsen's brother, Leon, who will direct the education in the Norwegian capital.

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